

PROGRESS REPORT ON INTEGRATION

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1. WHAT IS INTEGRATION?

Integration is the policy of assigning apartments without regard to the race, color, creed or national origin of the applicants.

2. WHEN WAS THE POLICY INTRODUCED?

May 5, 1950 - September 14, 1950.

(a) Public Housing Laws

Effective May 5, 1950, the State Legislature amended the State Public Housing Laws by adding to them the following section:

"For all of the purposes of the Act to which this Act is a supplement, no person shall because of race, religious principles, color, national origin or ancestry be subject to any discrimination."

(b) Housing Authority Resolution By The Commissioners - September 14, 1950

"Dwelling accommodations shall be allocated on basis of need without regard to race, religious principles, color, national origin or ancestry of applicant."

3. WHAT WAS THE PREVIOUS POLICY?

The policy was one of complete or partial segregation. Complete segregation prevailed in four projects A, B, C, D, that were exclusively for white families. Partial segregation applied in the case of four projects where the following occupancy patterns prevailed: E and F white and Negro tenants lived in different buildings separated from each other by a street or playground; G the Negro families lived in one building, set-off in the corner of the project; H white and Negro families lived in alternate buildings.

4. WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW BY PROJECTS?

Projects A, B, C, D, are no longer exclusively for white tenants. Negro families in project A now number 22, in project B 25, in project C 42, and 13 in project D. The families in projects E and F are no longer separated by streets or playgrounds. The formerly all-Negro buildings in project G now house 7 white families, while 20 Negro families have become tenants in the formerly all-white buildings. In project H, the policy of assigning white and Negro families in alternate buildings no longer prevails.

5. WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW BY BUILDINGS?

In September, 1950, A,B,C,D, aggregated 61 buildings housing only white families. Now these same projects have only 13 buildings with no Negro families living in them. Projects E and F had 15 buildings occupied by Negro families and 6 buildings occupied by white families and 4 buildings occupied by Negro families and 4 buildings occupied by white families. Now E has only 2 buildings without mixed tenants. Project G has both white and Negro tenants in all buildings. Project H has 3 buildings (out of 11) yet to house integrated families.

6. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

- a. The fears that were anticipated did not come about.
- b. No friction or incidents of any kind have occurred.
- c. Evidence from the Interracial Housing study shows that there is increasingly friendliness and lessening of prejudice.
- d. The rate of integration is dependent to some degree on the number of move-outs occurring every month.
- e. To bring about integration the first thing to do is to do it.

As Mr. Louis Danzig writes:

".....If, however, our Newark experience may serve as a guide, the change-over to a policy of nonsegregation is not so difficult and troublesome as one anticipates. Some of our tenants (these are by far in the minority) have complained to us vociferously, but there has been no disruption of our projects. When the complainants met a firm, calm response from housing management, they invariably subsided. Our experience leads me to believe that if a housing authority, its executive director and his staff show complete sincerity in the change and never retreat from their announced position with respect to nonsegregation, the change will be successful. This, in any case, is what we have found to be true in Newark....."

From Postscript To Interracial Housing
November 1950, Page 130 ff

PROGRESS CHART - INTEGRATION BY PROJECT -

BEFORE INTEGRATION - SEPTEMBER 1, 1950

- A -

530 White Families
No Negro Families

- B -

353 White Families
No Negro Families

- C -

402 White Families
No Negro Families

- D -

301 White Families
No Negro Families

- E -

190 White Families
BARRIER *
413 Negro Families

- F -

176 White Families
BARRIER *
60 Negro Families

- G -

150 White Families
BARRIER *
150 Negro Families

- H -

215 White Families
BARRIER *
60 Negro Families

* One Way Street

* One Corner Building

* Separated by Playground

* Alternate Bldgs. Checker Board Pattern

AFTER INTEGRATION - MAY 31, 1952

- A -

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22 Negro Families Integrated

- B -

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25 Negro Families Integrated

- C -

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42 Negro Families Integrated

- D -

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13 Negro Families Integrated

- E -

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42 Negro Families on formerly all-white side.
39 White Families on formerly all-Negro side.

- F -

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25 Negro Families on formerly all-white side.
9 White Families on formerly all-Negro side.

- G -

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20 Negro Families on formerly all-white side.
7 White Families on formerly all-Negro side.

- H -

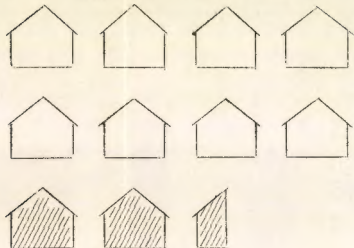
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28 Negro Families on formerly all-white side.
7 White Families on formerly all-Negro side.



PROGRESS CHART

INTEGRATION BY BUILDINGS

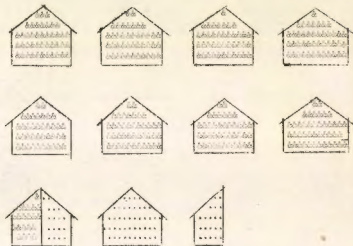
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
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 WHITE TENANTS ONLY
 NEGRO TENANTS ONLY

AFTER INTEGRATION - MAY 31, 1962



EACH SYMBOL - 10 BUILDINGS

 INTEGRATED BUILDINGS
 TO BE INTEGRATED